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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The First Presbyterian Church of Tolono  
3 celebrated its 150th anniversary on June 28, 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, The Presbyterian Society was formed with 10  
5 members in 1857, meeting in a grain warehouse on East Main  
6 Street in Tolono; and

7 WHEREAS, Services later moved to the bar room of the Marion  
8 House, where the whiskey was covered up during the services;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In the spring of 1858 the congregation built a  
11 \$3,000 wood structure; the current stone church was built in  
12 1893 for \$5,000; and

13 WHEREAS, The church has an interesting history; at the  
14 beginning of the church and its history, the congregation found  
15 itself split over the slavery issue; and in April of 1915,  
16 during a struggle to keep liquor out of the village, the  
17 minister's house was bombed with dynamite; and

18 WHEREAS, The church has had many pastors, including two  
19 women; today the church membership stands around 85 members;  
20 therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2           NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
3           congratulate the pastor, staff, and congregation of the First  
4           Presbyterian Church of Tolono on the sesquicentennial  
5           anniversary of the church; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
7           presented to the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of  
8           Tolono as a symbol of our respect.